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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3628

Application No.: 10/736,645

Examiner: D. VETTER

Filed: December 17, 2003

Docket No.: 116521

For: ERROR DETECTION AND RECOVERY SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMMON
USE SELF-SERVICE KIOSKS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. In reply to the June 18, 2007 Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shindo, Japanese Pat. Pub. No. 09-035129. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Shindo does not support the rejection for at least the reason that it does not disclose "an error recovery module that determines a status of the automated process and the commands or responses contained therein, based on the generated error recovery information contained in the recovery coupon," as recited in claim 1. The Office Action alleges that the "Example ¶" of Shindo discloses the noted feature. However, a careful review of the "Example ¶" does not reveal any basis for the Office Action's allegation. Only a machine translation of Shindo has been provided to support the conclusions set forth in the Office